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[] Small Entity Status: Applicant(s) claim small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

[XX] No additional fee is required.

[] The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					

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	x	9	\$		
_	x	43	\$		
	+	145	\$		
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[XX] Conditional Petition for Extension of Time

If any extension of time for a response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

[] It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 is calculated as shown below:

Small Entity Other Than Small Entity Response Filed Within Response Filed Within First [] - \$ 55.00 First - \$ 110.00 ſl Second - \$ 210.00 \$ 420.00 Third [] - \$ 475.00 Third \$ 950.00 [] Fourth - \$ 740.00 1 Fourth \$ 1480.00 Month After Time Period Set Month After Time Period Set [] Less fees (\$_____) already paid for ___ month(s) extension of time on _ [] Please charge my Deposit Account No. 02-4035 in the amount of \$ [] Credit Card Payment Form, PTO-2038, is attached, authorizing payment in the amount of \$_-A check in the amount of \$_ _ is attached (check no.).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035. This authorization and request is not limited to payment of all fees associated with this communication, including any Extension of Time fee, not covered by check or specific authorization, but is also intended to include all fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR §1.16 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case. This blanket authorization does not include patent issue fees

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